

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HJR 55

February 5, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Approves a route to be added to the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 11-11-107(a), in order for a trail to be authorized and designated as a state scenic trail, it must be so designated by an act of the General Assembly.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 11-11-106(2), the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail was one of the initial state scenic trails established by the *Tennessee Trail Systems Act*.
- This legislation will continue the statutorily mandated process of adding a further route to complete the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail by approving the route recommended by the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC).
- The Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail remain under construction but will extend over 330 miles when complete. Several hiking trail segments, totaling more than 185 miles, are currently complete and ready to hike. TDEC's partnerships with the Cumberland Trails Conference, the Friends of the Cumberland Trail, and other 501c3 organizations and volunteer groups support the acquisition of land and the construction and maintenance of the trail.
- Since the work on the trail has been ongoing and based on information provided by TDEC, this legislation will not significantly impact TDEC's operations or result in a significant increase in state expenditures associated with signage and management of the trail.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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